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The President Speaks...

In September 1958, a letter and questionnaire was sent to the officers of state associations and local societies from the ADAA Central Office. This survey was intended to determine how we can best serve *you*—the life of this association. Your replies have been tabulated and are now being evaluated. Many items have been sent to various committees to be incorporated into brochures, which are published for *your* benefit. Please remember the brochures are prepared and mailed during the early summer, in order that the newly elected officers of the state and local groups may use them in planning their year's activities.

May I use this visit with you in an attempt to assist you in securing the information you are seeking? This information is not only for officers, as many times the individual member would like information but hesitates, or does not know where, to ask for it.

First; *I urge you to read your journal thoroughly.* Not only for the fine articles it carries, but for a source of a great deal of additional information. For instance; the page "From Central Office Wires". Through this page our Executive Secretary, Mary Martin, and her staff keep you informed of literature the ADAA Committees have prepared for your benefit; remind you of information they need from you in order to serve *you* more efficiently and provide other items of interest and information. From time to time additional information and releases from committees will appear in the Journal. This is intended for the use of everyone, and to create new ideas for you.

Each issue of the Journal carries the names and addresses of all ADAA officers and the eleven district trustees. Soon after each annual session a complete list of newly elected committee chairmen and their committee members are published. May I suggest that you place this issue of your Journal in a convenient place for reference. At any time you have a question or a suggestion you can direct it to the proper person. Each of us are pleased to hear from you directly on any matter. Our aim is to assist you, but you must also read the material provided through the medium of brochures, letters, the *News Briefs* and *The Journal*.

This is not the usual message contained in these pages, but it is my sincere desire that we continue to advance as we have in the past years. If in any small way I have assisted you, then we continue to move forward.

In Friendship,

ELMA TROUTMAN,
President

Random Thoughts About D. A.'s

By G. H. FROSS, D.D.S.

It has been said that a man is incomplete without a wife. May I add that a dentist is even more incomplete without his dental assistant? Most young ladies hope to marry a man who is tall, rich, and handsome, but usually settle for much less. So it is with the dentist. He dreams of finding a D.A. who is smart, capable, honest, efficient, and looks like Marilyn Monroe's younger sister. He, too, soon becomes willing to settle for much less.

Much has been written and said about the comparatively low salaries of D.A.'s. The same may be said of the salaries for teachers and the clergy. There are, however, compensations for all three of these professions. They, and many other so-called white collar workers, have good working conditions, fascinating work, and the knowledge that a real service is being rendered to their fellowmen. Man does not live by bread alone. While this applies to men, it is even more true of women. In my town I should say the D.A.s are a superior breed—kind, friendly, chic, and mentally alert.

To get back to salaries. I have listed a few of my own suggestions on how NOT to get a raise in pay.

1. When the boss comes home from a convention with a new technique or practice building suggestion or idea, drag your feet. Don't cooperate. He'll go back to the old way of doing it, if you persist.

2. If your doctor asks you to take a few intra-oral pictures with his new simplified camera, play dumb. Tell him you don't know how to plug it into the light socket and press the button. You are too busy to learn.

3. If your doctor has had several emergencies that you have "squeezed in" and he is off schedule with a couple of patients waiting at quitting time, by all means leave. Your hours are from 8

until 5 and dentists seldom pay time and a half for overtime.

4. Never arrive at the office before the doctor does. After all, it's his office.

5. Discuss your personal problems over the patient while the doctor is making a difficult restoration or trying to remove a root tip. This should add much to his irritation.

6. Never get the monthly statements out on time. It isn't important for the doctor to get his money. He has plenty.

7. Don't learn the names of the instruments and forceps. Let him hunt for them himself. You have other things to do.

8. If the doctor drops an instrument, don't replace it with a sterile one from the other operatory. Let him get it himself. That should teach him not to be so clumsy.

9. Don't hesitate to discuss your doctor's faults and foibles with your friends. Ignore the cynics who say your friend of today may be your enemy of tomorrow. Your friends are different.

10. Always put your employer's wife in her place. Tell everyone. Your doctor will be hearing about it for years afterward and you will be working elsewhere.

11. Forget to write down the emergencies on the doctor's schedule. Surprise him! He will be surprised all right; perhaps a little more surprised than pleased.

12. When the doctor asks you to do something, never answer. Keep him guessing. He will never know whether or not you heard him.

13. Never learn to adjust the headrest properly. It would take at least ten seconds longer to adjust the headrest properly. Let the doctor do it. It won't hurt him to scrub his hands again.

14. Be jealous of and resentful to the hygienist because she earns more than you do. Simply ignore the fact that she

has spent from 2 to 4 years in highly specialized training and that she is helping to pay your salary.

15. Never hesitate to interrupt the doctor when he is talking to his patient. It takes a minute or two to write your message on a scratch pad and put it in his line of vision but out of sight of the patient.

16. When your doctor gets himself into a jam with an unexpectedly difficult extraction or in setting a bridge, take time out to develop x-rays or visit with someone over the telephone. He got himself in the jam. Let him get himself out.

17. Just because your doctor doesn't smoke, at least during office hours, is no reason why you shouldn't smell like a Camel.

If all or most of the above suggestions are followed faithfully, I can practically guarantee that a raise will be a long time coming.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, one of the great thinkers of modern times, once wrote that "Every man I meet is in some way my superior and thereby I learn from him." It seems that what caused him to write the above statement was that very same day he and his son were trying to get a calf into the barn. His

son pulled on a rope tied around the calf's neck. Emerson alternately twisted the calf's tail and pushed with all his might. Nothing happened. The calf balked and refused to budge. The milk maid looked on, laughing. She stuck her finger in her bucket of milk, placed the milky finger in the calf's mouth and led it into the barn. Every D.A. I know could have taught him a few tricks also.

Since we can all learn from each other, let me urge you with all sincerity to attend dental meetings, read your journal, and everything you can find pertaining to your profession. If you are not one now, become a Certified Dental Assistant. Yours is not just a job until you get your man. Yours is a valuable part of the health professions. Dentists were not always considered professional men. By hard work, education, and constantly raised standards, dentistry has now become a recognized profession. D.A.'s can, if they will, follow the same path.

I realize it is presumptuous to try to give advice to the readers of this journal, the vast majority of whom are successful and conscientious D.A.s. However, let me paraphrase a little piece of advice which, although 2000 years old, still seems to apply. "If a man shall hire you to walk a mile with him, walk two miles."

A Dissertation on the Dental Assistants Pledge

By CAROLE L. LEE, C.D.A.

"I solemnly pledge that in the practice of my profession I will always be loyal to the welfare of patients who come under my care, and to the practitioner whom I serve. I will be just and generous to the members of my profession aiding them and lending them encouragement to be loyal, to be just, to be generous, to be pure, to be upright, to be observant, to be tactful, to be studious."

"I hereby give pledge to devote my best energies to the service of humanity,

in that relationship of life to which I consecrated myself when I elected to become a dental assistant."

"I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE THAT IN THE PRACTICE OF MY PROFESSION", let's stop and analyze that statement. "I solemnly pledge", we recite at the opening of our meetings. There is no room for mockery or jest, our pledge is solemn, and we will always strive to keep it so. We have worked hard, many of us are certified, those who aren't, have

excellent opportunities to do so, and many are already signing up for the classes that teach us to become better assistants. It is a one-hundred-four-hour course, and you will deserve the title and recognition of being certified at the end of the class term. We are solemn again as we receive our caps along with our friends, who, as ourselves, cared enough to be best.

"I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE THAT IN THE PRACTICE OF MY PROFESSION", of my profession, it is a profession, and a well chosen one. It is one in which you work for what you become. You are a gracious hostess in your profession, a baby sitter, supply manager, and, all around Girl Friday. It is a profession that you do not take lightly, it is no fly-by-night position, it is for the one who cares to be someone, it is taken very seriously, and not considered, "just a job." You should be proud to be part of the "Women In White", and wear your pins and cap with distinction.

"I WILL ALWAYS BE LOYAL TO THE WELFARE OF PATIENTS WHO COME UNDER MY CARE". To be loyal, Webster says, is to be constant and faithful in any relation implying trust and confidence. Our relation with our patients is just this, we are faithful to them and they to us, who couldn't be faithful when a three year old with pleading eyes, reaches for your hand, and asks: "Will it hurt?" Then on the other hand, your faithfulness is strained when a disgruntled madame exclaims: "You should have done it this way!" But still you are steadfast, and earn the distinction of being constant and faithful.

"AND TO THE PRACTITIONER WHOM I SERVE". Above all you are loyal to this man, you are his right hand, he confides in you about his patients, he discusses this color of a porcelain and that, who's next for today, he never seems to remember, but you should be endless in your memory track, you always have the answer for him, if not at the tip of your tongue, at your finger

tips, with the many notes you have "filed" under a rubber band in the appointment book. You have to read his mind, be in the right room at the right time, and be sure to have the right patient seated and ready to begin whatever has been slated for the day. Of course, when 4:30 rolls around, and you have one more patient to go, and you have started putting ledger sheets and x-rays away, and all of a sudden through the door bursts a group of small, noisy children. You are given the news from the Doctor, that he just slipped them in for a prophylaxis and examination, "after all" he winces, "there are only five of them". Loyalty, especially to the practitioner whom you serve. Loyalty, repeat this over and over, loyalty, loyalty, and seat the first of the little ones in the chair!

"I WILL BE JUST AND GENEROUS TO THE MEMBERS OF MY PROFESSION". This is very important in our organization, to be just and generous to those with whom we work. We must be just, and not skimp on a law or a rule here or there. Treat everyone fair and square. Be generous, whether it be with your knowledge, your time, or your disposition. Help where you can, and keep our organization strong. Keep building by encouraging new girls to join us, if we stand together we will never stand apart.

"AIDING THEM AND LENDING THEM ENCOURAGEMENT TO BE LOYAL." Have you heard a fellow assistant bark at you over the phone when things aren't going smoothly in her office? Lend her encouragement, help her to find her patience, by calmly saying to her, "let's talk". She will probably be very willing to amend things and be able to straighten them out, she cares for her profession as much as you, but for one moment possibly she forgot. Get her back on the right track, she will be happier for it, and you will have done a good deed.

"TO BE JUST, TO BE GENEROUS,

TO BE PURE". To be wholesome, clean, healthy. To have shiny hair and white teeth, to have a freshly laundered uniform, and white, immaculate shoes; to be clean of body and mind; to have pretty, cared for hands and nails. This is to be pure, well liked and lovely.

"TO BE UPRIGHT". Face your future and your profession with head high, and mind knowing what both hands and feet are doing. Beware of any slanderous talk, uphold your pledge, your Doctor and your patients. Help others to do so, and again you add a good deed to your name.

"TO BE OBSERVANT". Learn new things, keep up on the latest in the Dental Assistants Journal, be able to discuss current events with your patients. Observe, above all on children, a pretty red dress, a bright hair ribbon, or a souvenir ring that you gave them from the Treasure Chest the appointment before this. Although their finger has turned green from wearing it, observe it, and you'll be rewarded with a smile, and a smile from a child is such a nice reward!

"TO BE TACTFUL". This is important also. You can make or break, by being so, or not being so. A patient calls, they have never been in the office before, but they want to know what a filling on their nine year old son will cost. Be tactful, say pleasingly to them: "Mrs. Jones, I'm sure that if you bring Johnnie in this afternoon, or at your convenience, Doctor will make an examination, and give you an estimate." Some times this results with a bang of the receiver at the opposite end of the wire, but usually they will be pleased that you want to see them, and gladly make an appointment. After all, this little Johnnie is their pride and joy, and if you want to care for him Mother is more than anxious that you do so, the sooner the better.

"TO BE STUDIOUS". Know your by-laws and constitution, not by heart necessarily, but be able to look for something, and know where to find it. Be studious in your class for Certification, be mindful of what your instructors are telling you.

Study, and you shall be rewarded again, what greater reward in our field than to have C.D.A. after your name?

"I HEREBY GIVE PLEDGE TO DEVOTE MY BEST ENERGIES TO THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY". To the service of humanity you have devoted your best energies, and what's more, you have given pledge to do so. The service I speak of, whether it is answering the telephone with a smiling voice, reassuring a frightened patient, or making an appointment for a simple prophylaxis, is serving humanity. They depend on you to do right by them, to call them every six months, to remember first names, to have the latest Donald Duck comic on the reception room table, to have the office clean, neat and comfortable, not to let the phone ring over three times at once, and to be there when you are needed. Your best energies are thoroughly devoted every day to humanity, and you wouldn't have it any other way!

"IN THAT RELATIONSHIP OF LIFE TO WHICH I CONSECRATED MYSELF WHEN I ELECTED TO BECOME A DENTAL ASSISTANT". You were of course, nervous on your very first day of work, you must admit you appeared quite snappy in your white gown and shoes. The first patient probably scared you to death, by looking you over and saying: "You're new here aren't you?" You nod your head, yes, because if you spoke, you'd either squeak or would find no voice there at all. Your first days were hectic of course, you probably upset the distilled water jug for the autoclave, and you couldn't have failed to turn the x-ray machine on when you took all those full mouths, it wouldn't have been normal—why were the films blank? You just couldn't remember! Of course you wrote all the appointments down for the next day, didn't you? How on earth could you remember to order the plaster? That would seem odd, you probably watched the clock all day, but forgot to say "Good afternoon, Dr. Forcept's office", and stammered out a confused,

"Good morning" while all the time you knew it was past twelve.

Your pledge is solemn, and your profession is one of the best. You fulfill the triangle by being a good Dental Assistant, reassuring and devoted. You and the others around you are special because

long ago, before you knew anything about it, you were picked to be one of the chosen ones—Dental Assistants. Indeed, our lives are made up of rewards!

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*Modern Manners for Milady**

**Ed. note: This is the first of a series of three articles that will appear in THE DENTAL ASSISTANT on the subject of manners and etiquette. While the information contained therein may seem basic and elementary to many of our readers, we believe reminders such as these articles contain are worthy of printing. These articles are not on the subject of dental assisting, but every dental assistant is surely interested in self improvement. Developing poise, within and outside the office as well, is an important part of furthering our education. We hope you enjoy them.*

Girls will be girls by birth, women by growth, ladies by cultivation. What is a lady? Merely a woman—or a girl—who owns the serene secret of good manners. "Manners," as Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "are the happy way of doing things," and etiquette, far from being a rigid rigmarole, is usually only the law of kindness and common sense. When the rules are old-fashioned, they favor you—by requiring the menfolk to treat you with the deference accorded to women in a more gallant era.

The following etiquette quiz, which might serve as one measure or method of ladyhood, comes from *Modern Manners: Etiquette for All Occasions*, a new book by Carolyn Hagner Shaw, Washington's outstanding expert on social procedure.

When does a woman rise?

Stand to greet your hostess when she first enters the room, if she has not met you at the door. A young woman should stand immediately upon being introduced to a woman obviously much older than herself. If she's only a few years your senior, rising to the occasion will offend rather than honor her. When in doubt, sit tight. Should you rise to meet a man? Don't stand for that—except on the rather rare occasions when you're introduced to (1) an important government official (2) a high-ranking clergyman or (3) an octogenarian.

Should your escort walk on the outside of the sidewalk?

Yes. Always take the inside track, letting him walk on the side near the curbstone. Even if there is another woman with you, and only one man, both ladies take the inside. The strong silent type thus stands between you and any mud or slush flung up by passing cars.

Should you get into an automobile first when escorted by a man?

Yes. He should assist you by holding your elbow as you get in. He exists first and helps you out.

What about getting on or off street-cars and busses? You enter first, getting off last; your escort steps down and helps you alight. However, rather than shove fellow passengers, get off first if necessary.

What about elevators?

Coming and going, ladies first—ex-

cept if the elevator is crowded. In that case, it's only common sense that the man exit first. Here again, pushing people around in the interests of etiquette would be a contradiction in terms.

Who goes first on a stairway?

You lead the way up and down, the man following behind. But he walks beside you, holding your arm, if the stairs are steep. On the downgrade that's both steep and narrow, he precedes you, obligated by a chivalrous code of etiquette to cushion your possible fall.

Should you lead him down the aisle?

Going down a theater aisle, you follow the usher (if your seats are reserved), with your escort bringing up the rear. If the seats are not reserved, it is up to you to choose where you want to sit, and you again go first. On the return trip up the aisle, you lead the way.

What is the procedure on entering a restaurant or nightclub with an escort?

You select the table and tell your escort who in turn tells the headwaiter, who leads the way to the table. The waiter holds your chair and seats you; if he's not around at the moment, your escort does the honors.

How do you give your order?

To your escort, who relays it to the waiter.

If you go to the powder room?

Signal your exit by placing your unfolded napkin at the edge of your plate. If your man doesn't catch the sign, simply excuse yourself. He then rises and pulls out your chair, but does not go to the door with you. He should be waiting to help you be seated when you return.

What should I wear when the invitation says . . .

Reception . . . or tea . . . or cocktails . . . or cocktail buffet—four to eight o'clock?

A moderately dressy afternoon dress, street or ballerina length, plus hat and

gloves. It's bad manners, by the way, to keep gloves on while eating or drinking.

Informal dinner . . . or buffet supper—from six o'clock on?

The same "afternoon" or "cocktail" dress. If you like, leave the hat home.

Semi-formal or formal dinner, from six on?

Evening dress, ballerina or ankle length. Floor length for *ultra*-formal occasions. But if your escort must wear a black tie, you'll be expected to appear in a dinner dress (same as an evening gown, only less revealing; it should have a modest neckline and at least the hint of sleeves. Another difference: long gloves are optional with dinner dress, protocol for an evening gown).

Morning or afternoon wedding?

The "afternoon" gown you'd wear to any after-four party. Pastel-colored dresses are best. Black is all right if you're not a close relative or a member of the bridal party. Hat and gloves are a must.

Evening wedding and reception?

That same versatile "afternoon" outfit (including hat and gloves.)

Formal wedding (eight o'clock, followed by reception) . . .?

A not-too-decollete evening dress. Take a scarf along to cover your head in church, and wear a stole, jacket or coat during the ceremony. These, of course, are removed during the reception.

Sound familiar? It should—there's nothing strange or complex about these rules. You should also recognize the classic success story: knowledge breeds confidence, confidence blooms into charm, and charm turns any old girl (or young one) into My Fair Lady.

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Editorial

THE SHOW MUST GO ON

By GERRY GLAU, *Contributing Editor*

The term "Dental Assistant" is one that is familiar to everyone engaged today in the rendering of dental health service in America, and probably to each individual it carries a different meaning.

To some a dental assistant is perhaps merely a person of the feminine sex who greets the persons who come to a dental office for health services, who answers the telephone and records services rendered in a dental office. To some she is perhaps the extra pair of hands at the dental chair and in the laboratory. To some she might be the office manager—a person who controls the appointment book, performs secretarial duties, keeps records, arranges payment schedules, inventories and orders supplies and pays bills. To some she is simply the dentists "Girl Friday" who does a little bit of everything and not much of anything important. "To each his own"—opinion, but we are reasonably certain almost all will agree that a dental assistant is usually a bit of femininity attired in crispy white and can be found only in dental offices, schools and clinics.

The discussion of her duties, status, requirements of education and/or training continues to be tossed around by interested and qualified persons who are anxious to see her placed in the proper perspective in the profession. Meanwhile, someone or some group must offer this indescribable individual some help and encouragement in her efforts to efficiently perform the duties presently assigned to her under the title of Dental Assistant. "The show must go on."

The American Dental Assistants Association is making a conscientious effort to offer this assistance, and its current rapid growth would seem to indicate that it is meeting with some degree of success and is receiving some recognition for this effort. The association's motto is EDUCATION, EFFICIENCY, LOYALTY, SERVICE. By virtue of this motto it outlines and announces its objectives.

Let's briefly examine the methods it employs to accomplish its purpose.

EDUCATION

Today's dental assistant is striving to increase her service to the profession through education—through gaining knowledge. She is seeking to learn the "how's and why's, when's and where's" of the dental world in which she lives, moves and earns her livelihood. To assist her the ADAA has, through its Committee on Education, set up and made available an Extension Study Course which is given to groups at the local level. It has helped in the establishing of approved courses in dental assisting in a number of schools. It has established a Certification Board which prepares examinations and issues certificates to assistants who have successfully completed the study course and passed the examination. It assists its members in forming local and state groups where they can attend meetings to hear lectures, view clinics and scientific exhibits, and visit commercial exhibits to learn of the new materials, and equipment available—and how to properly handle these materials. It encourages its

members to take advantage of learning from daily experience—to gain knowledge from their dentist employers and from other assistants. It publishes a Journal, bi-monthly, which carries articles of educational nature, helpful hints, and organization procedures. It holds annual meetings which offer outstanding educational programs.

EFFICIENCY

A good definition of the word efficiency might be, "A place and a time for everything; and everything in its time and place." The ADAA constantly reminds its members that they must apply the knowledge gained through education to increase efficiency. It offers awards for efficient performance in presenting clinics and papers at local, state and national meetings.

LOYALTY

The association's Code of Ethics includes an admonition to its members to be loyal to the profession, to their employers and his patients, and to their fellow workers. It urges ethical conduct in all dealings within and outside the profession. It says, in essence, "To thine own self be true, for then it follows as the night and the day, thou cannot be false to any man."

SERVICE

Service has many variations. It is the performance of labor for another's benefit, or at another's command. It is duty done. It is conduct contributing to the advantage of others.

The dental assistant, too, serves on many levels—in the dental office, in her association and in her community. The ADAA encourages her in responsible performance of all services, with courtesy and thoughtfulness—and with a smile.

The American Dental Assistants Association recognizes the ever-increasing need for broader programs, and constantly solicits the support, guidance and counsel of the members of the dental profession, who are the Captains of the Dental Health Team of America.

We believe the association's efforts deserve recognition and support from the profession. It has, through the untiring efforts of many dedicated members, built a solid foundation for programs of the future. Every ADAA member should consider it her duty to inform non-member assistants of the advantages of membership in this association. Every dentist will be benefited by his assistant's participation in the program of the ADAA.

The sign on the Door to Opportunity is "PUSH". A little "nudge" from the doctor and the member-assistant might help the non-member find her way to this door.

OUR BEST STEP FORWARD

By MYRA J. PETRIE, Contributing Editor

The relatively short history of the American Dental Assistants Association is a remarkable story of progress. When Juliette A. Southard first organized the few Dental Assistants, her fondest dreams and hopes could not have possibly visualized the national stature that the Association enjoys today. It is truly an organization dedicated to serving fellow man through our Doctors and sharing in all of the many problems, anxieties, joys, gratitudes, and uplifted feelings that come with

professional activities. Recognition for this dedication and devotion has grown with each additional year and reflects the highest ideals of our Association. Within the past two years, over six Schools of Dentistry have initiated programs which either utilize the services of Dental Assistants in teaching their effectiveness as assistants to the Doctors or in actual trainee programs for girls interested in Dental Assisting careers. Many of these programs are being jointly supported by both the Schools of Dentistry and the United States Public Health Service.

There are, of course, many other examples of general recognition that the Dental Assistants have earned for themselves, but it is suffice to say that the highest echelons of health organizations think very well of us. Our Doctors and our patients, we know, think no less. What has made all of this possible? This, of course, is a difficult question, but there can be no doubt that a great deal of it has been due to the unselfish efforts and sacrifices of many of our leaders. They actually pioneered this tremendous effort, and gave service before self.

As the Association grew and developed, the problems increased. Communication became more difficult. Personalities became varied. Now came the real test. Could a large organization survive the many problems that beset it? Could faith and trust in each other, though separated by hundreds and thousands of miles in many cases, overcome the trivial doubts and pettinesses that like to creep in and strangle a young effort? Evidently our early leaders had these qualities.

The young effort is now approaching full stature. Further recognition is rapidly approaching. Every Dental Assistant must now become a current leader. We must present a united best step forward. We are being scrutinized very carefully by many eyes, and it is important to us as an organization to see that those eyes keep smiling. We must again call upon self discipline to keep faith and trust with each other. We cannot afford to let misunderstandings creep in and hurt our total cause. Additional sacrifices are now necessary and someday these will be remembered and repeated as part of our growth heritage. The sacrifices can be many but the benefits most gratifying. Let each of us take this opportunity to be remembered. Many eyes are watching our best steps forward,—keep them smiling.

CORRECTIONS

In the picture of the A.D.A. Certification Board which appeared on page 25 of the January-February issue of "The Dental Assistant" Dorothy Thacker, member of the board, was incorrectly identified.

Dorothy, standing left to right, was identified as Oriett Clark who is not a member of the 1958-59 board.

On page 37 of the same issue; "Think It Over—91,000 Dentists are members of the American Dental Assistants Association" is an incorrect statement. It was intended to read "members of the American Dental Association". On page 105 of

the February issue of *The Journal of the American Dental Association* a tabulation of the number of fully privileged members of the American Dental Association indicates a total of 80,657 members. We still say, "Think It Over"—The ADAA reported a total of 9,363 assistants are members of the American Dental Assistants Association at its annual meeting in Dallas, Texas in November, 1958.

By force of habit your editor wrote "assistants" in the line where it was not supposed to be. The missing "I" in IDAA, in the caption under the picture of the Officers of a new society in Illinois—St. Clair District—was a typographical error, and the editor can't take the blame for it. Sorry!

Dental Assisting *In the Land of Enchantment*

By MOZELLE McLAUGHLIN

We all know dental assisting is a most interesting profession, but in my place of employment, the Bernalillo County Indian Hospital in Albuquerque, New Mexico, it is doubly fascinating.

Bernalillo County Indian Hospital is a relatively new hospital. It was built in 1954 at a cost of three and one half million dollars. The modern, well equipped structure is situated on a hill with a panoramic view of Albuquerque. The hospital is truly a contrast to the ancient Spanish and Indian cultures, which once were prevalent and some still exist in this area.

The hospital was built to meet a growing need for medical, surgical, and dental care for Indians and indigents in this area. Support is derived from a county tax levy and a contract with the United States government for the care of Indian patients. Mr. Murray A. Hentz is the administrator of the hospital with a staff of approximately 345 employees plus the many medical, surgical, dental and other professional people that it takes to staff a hospital.

In the past fiscal year there were 6,092 bed patients, 24,446 out patients, 18,416 emergency patients, and 871 babies born. About 75% of the total patients are Indians; the other 25% are made up of Bernalillo county indigents and department of public welfare cases. The Social Service Department, directed by Mrs. Marguerite Armijo, screens all indigent patients as to their eligibility for care. The United States Public Health Service authorizes the care of the Indian patients. The hospital has a large group of volunteer workers under the supervision of Lilybell Hart. They perform numerous tasks in every department of the hospital.

The dental clinic plays a very important role in the hospital. It provides dental service to the Indian and indigent out

patients, as well as the patients in the hospital, and emergency cases, such as fractured jaws or any major dental problem. Dr. Harry Novarre is the Dental Chief of Staff. The Staff is composed of thirty two dentists including general dentists, oral surgeons, orthodontists, pedodontists, periodontists, all men who donate their time. For general dentistry service these men rotate alphabetically, Mondays through Thursdays from eight to eleven a.m. Oral surgery is scheduled on Friday mornings from eight to ten. The oral surgeons are on emergency call for a month as well as every Friday morning for the particular month.

The patients in our clinic are very interesting, especially the Indians. Some are uneducated and still live as in ancient times, with the men and women still wearing their hair like their great grandparents did. Many still wear vivid skirts with bright velvet tops called numeras. Squad boots add to their vivid costumes. Their arms, fingers and necks are weighted with symbolic silver and turquoise jewelry. Nearly all wear large silver concho belts. Many babies are still carried on cradle boards, wrapped like cocoons with only their little black eyes visible.

The children are quiet and well mannered. They have straight coarse black hair and black eyes. Most can endure a great deal of pain without any change of expression, while others react the same as any other child in a dental office for the first time. Since dental care has not been taught to the pre-school children, I take time to give them brushing instructions and a toothbrush. It has been gratifying to me many times to see the improvement in their oral hygiene at the next appointment. We are permitted to do restorative dentistry on Indian children up to the age of twelve. Twelve years and older are referred to the In-



Honorary membership in the Kansas City Dental Assistants Society was bestowed December 1st, 1958 upon Miss G. Archanna Morrison, West Roxbury, Mass., L., by Mrs. Gladys Ahl, Society Vice-President. Miss Morrison participated in a 3-day practice management seminar at the Hotel President, Kansas City, Mo.

dian clinics provided by the United States Public Health Service.

Indian adults are authorized to receive only emergency dental care at the hospital. The older Indian patients have very bad teeth, but most are reluctant to part with even one tooth unless they are in pain. Very few get dentures. They feel they need the few remaining teeth or even the one remaining tooth to tear mutton.

A few of our Indian patients are unable to speak or understand English. This situation necessitates an interpreter, but securing one is quite simple since many of the hospital employees are Indians from several different tribes. The younger generation of Indians, however, are definitely developing a higher standard of living and becoming more educated.

In connection with my work, over a year ago I started a basic training course for girls who wish to become dental assistants. The course is conducted in the

clinic and lasts six weeks. The course has been very successful and has helped the dentists in this area to secure girls for replacements who are at least partially trained. Girls for this training program are closely screened. They must have good character, a pleasing personality, education, and a real desire to be in the dental profession. There is no fee for the training. Two girls are trained at the same time; their ages range from eighteen to forty five. Working with so many different dentists and using their various methods, the girls are qualified when they finish their training for many types of work.

The work here is always interesting and inspirational. I have made many friends among the Indians and treasure their friendship highly. I enjoy working with these picturesque people and I hope that I have contributed a small portion towards making them well again.

The Meaning and Importance

OF CERTIFICATION FOR THE DENTAL ASSISTANT*

Dental assistants and their dentists often ask questions about the meaning and significance of certification and it is the purpose of this statement to provide the answers to many of these questions and to describe the philosophy behind the Certification Program.

Certification was created to help both the dental profession and the dental assistants. The dental assistant who has achieved a high level of ability and competence in her field, through study and experience, is deserving of special recognition as an award. Similarly, the dentists who employ dental assistants deserve to have a program through which their employees or potential employees may demonstrate the knowledge, competence and experience that they have acquired.

Certification provides both a goal and an incentive to the dental assistant who has just recently entered the field, and it provides a medium through which the dentist can encourage his own dental assistants to acquire the knowledge and experience needed so that they may be able to demonstrate sufficient competence to attain certification.

Because certification is based upon clearly defined areas of knowledge, ability and experience, it provides both the dental assistant and her dentist employer with a definition of what the dental assistant must know and be able to do if she is to have the broad knowledge and experience characterized by the certification examinations. Certification now requires that the applicant be able to demonstrate competence in 9 distinct areas. Knowledge of this provides the dental as-

sistant with a means of guiding her own self study in the field and provides the schools and the dentists who teach dental assistants with a concept of the breadth and depth of the knowledge that is expected of the dental assistant who aspires to certification.

The following 9 subdivision are the ones currently used in developing the certification examinations:

- (1) Ethics and jurisprudence
- (2) Instruments and instrumentation
- (3) X-ray technics
- (4) Laboratory methods and technics
- (5) Functions of a dental assistant and the responsibilities of all members of the dental health team
- (6) Office management
- (7) Chairside methods and procedures
- (8) Dental science, e.g., dental anatomy and terminology commonly used in the dental office
- 9) Basic science, e.g., biology, nutrition, and terminology related to disease, sterilization, etc.

The standards established for certification are high. If certification were easy to obtain, or if standards were low, certification would have no meaning or significance and would be of little use either to the dental assistant or to the dentist. Not all of the above 9 areas are given the same amount of emphasis in the examination, and while one must perform well on the entire or over-all examination, it is unlikely that one would fail the examination merely because of poor performance on only one section of the test.

A dental assistant's success in her own office experience will help her to perform well on the examination but successful experience alone is no guarantee that she will be able to pass the examination. The reason for this is that the dental assistant in some offices may be

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required to have skill and experience in only a few of the areas included in the certification examination. Certification is intended to announce or to attest to the fact that the dental assistant has a broad general knowledge of the field and that she would be able to adjust herself to the work and the responsibilities which might be required of her in practically any dental office.

While there is considerable prestige associated with attaining certification, there is certainly no stigma associated with an individual's inability to pass the certification examination. Many dental assistants are performing an excellent service for the dentists who employ them in certain types of practice and yet, the dental assistant's knowledge and experience in these instances may not be as broad and as general as the scope which is represented have been certified, they represent only a fraction of the dental assistants who are currently employed; and it is not expected that a really high percentage of the dental assistants will ever be certified due to the fact that many of them need have only limited knowledge and experience for the particular positions they now hold very successfully. Moreover, there continues to be a high percentage of dental assistants who do not choose to make a career of dental assisting, who remain in the field only a few years and not long enough to acquire the knowledge and competencies required for certification.

Just as the field of dentistry itself is enlarging in its scope and in the amount of knowledge required, so is the field and responsibility of the dental assistant increasing each year. This means that the standards for acquiring certification are higher this year than they were several years ago; and these standards will continue to increase. While some consideration has been given to requiring the certified dental assistant to show periodically that she has taken additional study, or even re-take the new examinations, this policy has not been adopted.

It should be clearly pointed out, too, that certification is not intended to be either a substitute for licensure or for a school diploma. Licensure is essentially a permit to practice a profession, and certification is not intended to be such a permit nor is it intended to be a goal toward which every dental assistant will aspire during her term of service. School diplomas are awarded for the successful completion of a course of study but certification attests to an individual's competence gained through experience in a dental office as well as to the kinds of knowledge and skills that can be acquired in a school program.

Therefore, one's success in formal courses of instruction, and one's success in a dental office, are not automatic guarantees of one's ability to pass the certification examination. Certification examinations also provide the applicant with an opportunity to demonstrate her ability to apply principles in new situations, the ability to make sound judgments, the ability to say and do the right thing at the right time with the patients coming under her purview, the ability to understand her role as a part of the dental health team, and the knowledge of the functions of all of the members of that dental health team.

Dentistry needs dental assistants who will make a career of dental assisting because it takes long years for the young dental assistant to acquire all of the knowledge, skill and experience she needs to possess. It is the hope and the belief of those who have developed the Certification Program for the Dental Assistants that this program will contribute significantly in aiding the dental profession to meet its challenge and its responsibilities to the public and that it will help the dental assistants, both individually and collectively, to serve the dental profession capably as one of the key persons in the dental health team.

Syl Sez:

Step Right Up, Ladies!

Your reporter has borrowed a soapbox for a few minutes to tell you more about our '59 date in the Empire State—the 35th Annual Convention of the A.D.A.A. September 14-18, 1959. Big things are brewing in New York in preparation for the week we will meet there along with the A.D.A. and the D.F.I.

To start—The "Welcome-to-our-City" Tea will be on Sunday the 13th . . . To continue—A Dinner Dance, honoring our ADAA President, will be a gala affair. There will be gracious hospitality, good food and drink, lilting music and diverting entertainment, and light-footed dancing for your enjoyment. Dressed in our "Sunday best," we will rub elbows with honored guests and members from the United States and other lands who have travelled far to be with us.

From the tip sheet: Unescorted femmes are rarely welcome at the better night clubs of New York—so, the Dinner Committee is bringing a night club atmosphere to us on the evening of the Dinner Dance.

New York has a wide variety of sights to see—here are some musts:

1. The Staten Island Ferry—a ride on a spacious ferryboat across the bay from the tip of Manhattan to Staten Island, 25 minutes away. On the return trip it provides a view of the Statue of Liberty; Fort Jay of historic fame; large ocean liners readying for a jaunt overseas; small tugboats manned by people going about the humdrum business of earning a living; and tall, majestic skyscrapers that symbolize the greatness and maturity of the mighty city.

2. Radio City, with its theaters, restaurants, world famous promenade, and sky-high R. C. A. tower. From the tower you can get a birds-eye view of the city and its neighbors, its criss-cross pattern of streets, its green parks and many bridges, the tiny cars and "tinier" people on the streets far below a part of the ever-mov-



OFFICERS OF NEWLY ORGANIZED HUNTSVILLE DENTAL ASSISTANTS AND HYGIENISTS SOCIETY OF ALABAMA.

Seated left to right: Louise Stiles, Secretary-Treasurer; Amber Nunnelle, President; Sue Good, Vice President; Standing left to right, Frances La Paier, Member of Executive Committee; Faye Stone, President-Elect; Rubye Brock, Member of Executive Committee; Frances Lamb, Recording Secretary, not present.

ing activity that is Manhattan. The view from the tower at the twilight hour provides an awesome sight as the lights flash on giving the city the appearance of a wonderland of twinkling stars above the dancing lights. Continuing the Tour — It will be a thrill to go shopping in the big and small shops where the latest in style and the biggest in bargains can be found.

These are but a few of the things you can find to do in the minutes free from attending the business sessions and educational programs that will be arranged by the ADAA for this meeting. If you will write me, telling me what you would like to do and see in New York, the committee will help streamline your plans. "We Aim to Please!"

Whoops, here comes the man for the soapbox . . . see you next issue with more news from the Empire State where you are invited in September.

SYLVIA DANNENBAUM, *Chairman*
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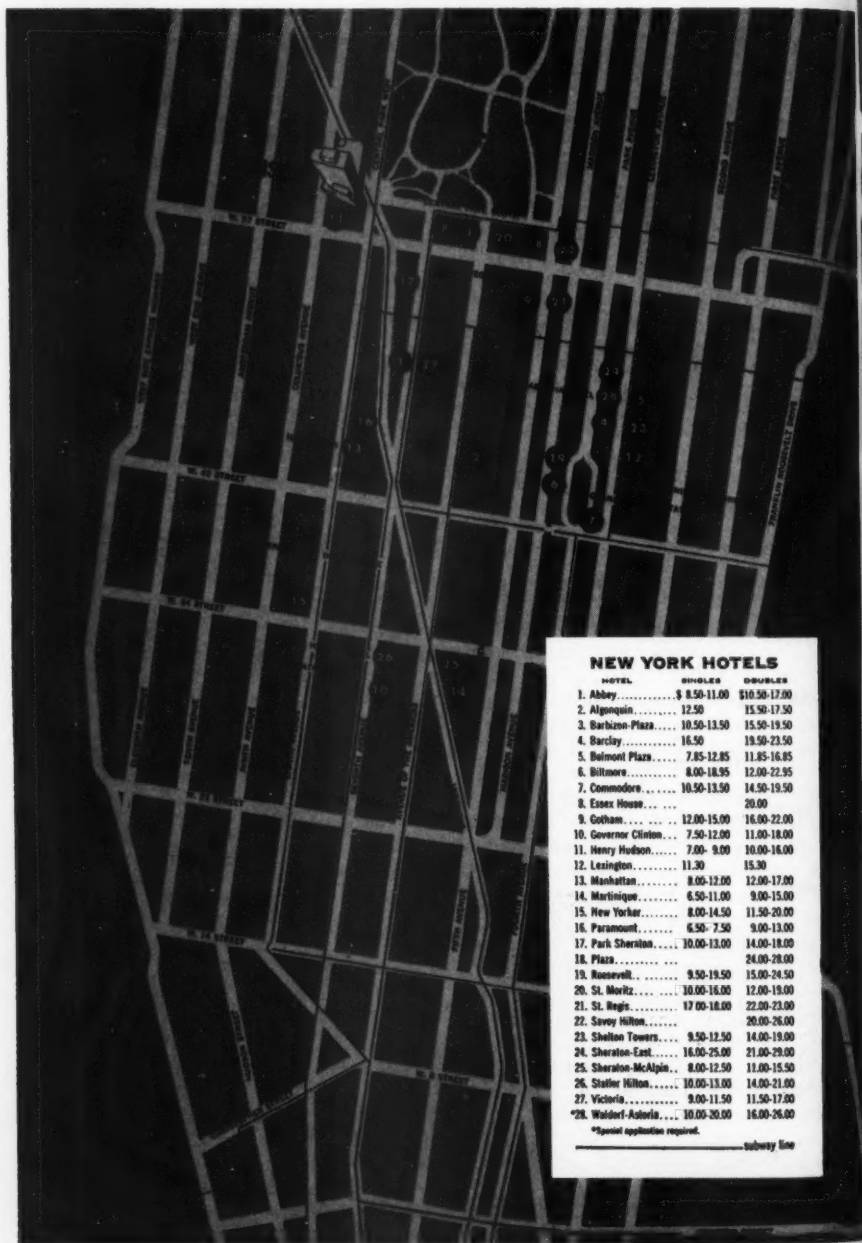
application for housing accommodations

*Centennial Session, American Dental Association
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- ♦ Reservation requests for housing accommodations should be made by completing this application and mailing it to American Dental Association, Housing Bureau, P.O. Box 5440, Chicago 7, Illinois.
- ♦ *Make your reservation now!* Assignments to hotels will be made in order received.
- ♦ Scientific session and exhibits will be held in the Coliseum. Meetings of the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association will be held in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Meetings of the Federation Dentaire Internationale will be held in the Manhattan Hotel.
- ♦ Indicate your arrival and departure time in New York on the application. Reservations will be held only until 6 p.m. of the day of arrival unless specific arrangements are made with the hotel.
- ♦ If rooms are not available in the hotels listed on the application, an assignment will be made, whenever possible, to a hotel in the same area.

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2. Algonquin.....	12.50	15.50-19.50
3. Barbizon-Plaza.....	10.50-13.50	15.50-19.50
4. Barclay.....	16.50	19.50-23.50
5. Belmont Plaza.....	7.85-12.85	11.85-16.85
6. Biltmore.....	8.00-18.95	12.00-22.95
7. Commodore.....	10.50-13.50	14.50-19.50
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10. Governor Clinton.....	7.50-12.00	11.00-18.00
11. Henry Hudson.....	7.00- 9.00	10.00-16.00
12. Lexington.....	11.30	15.30
13. Manhattan.....	8.00-12.00	12.00-17.00
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23. Shelton Towers.....	9.50-12.50	14.00-19.00
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Subway line

Help Yourself

EDITED BY JANET LINDENBERG

Remove old issues of magazines from the reception room (monthly publications 3 months after date of issue; weekly periodicals 5 weeks after date of issue).

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A clothes tree placed just inside the door will discourage the patient in tossing wet coats on backs of chairs.

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Cut stars and figures from leftover scraps of new linoleum, varnish on both sides, and use for stands for flower pots.

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Sterilizer faucets can be kept in perfect working order by applying vaseline around the turnoff while sterilizer is hot.

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Small doll dishes can be used as dappen dishes when treating a child patient. They are amusing to the child and convenient to use in treatment where a dappen dish is needed.

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Attach labels to the top of bottles that are placed in cabinet drawers. The tops are more easily visible than the sides. You will be certain to pick up the right bottle each time.

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To rejuvenate the mortar and pestle, place a little powdered graphite in the mortar and stir in thoroughly with the pestle. This will add new life to the mortar and pestle and make it possible to mix amalgam more rapidly.

Use a magnet to pick up burs which have fallen in the drawers.

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Keep bread pans in the laboratory for individual prosthetic cases.

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When polishing dentures use liquid soap instead of water as a vehicle for the pumice.

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Mount all spare teeth (odds and ends and broken sets) on carding wax according to mould and shade, rather than throw them in a drawer. This will save time and money and facilitate exchange of the teeth.

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Mixing pumice with glycerine will eliminate evaporating (as water does) and allow you to keep a jar ready for use in the laboratory at all times.

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To remove particles of adhesive tape from the skin, use nail polish remover and rinse with warm water.

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When you are given a check made payable to someone other than the person who presents it, be sure that the person, as well as the payee, has endorsed it.

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If your eyesight is good, PROTECT IT. Wear clear glasses while assisting at the chair and while doing laboratory work to protect your eyes from flying fragments.

A. D. A. A. Activities

FROM CENTRAL OFFICE WIRES 410 First National Bank Building
La Porte, Indiana

MEMBERSHIPS for 1959 are coming into Central Office in a steady stream. Keep them coming promptly. Remember that dues are delinquent after April 1st. Please be careful about the spelling of names, and of numerals in the addresses. Central Office records depend on the information which you send us. We need copies that are clear and distinct in order that these records may be accurate. Reports of changes of NAME are of special importance.

CENTRAL OFFICE has pamphlets available for use by the State Associations and the Local Societies, which will be sent upon request. They are: "How to Organize A Local Society"—"ADAA Information Booklets"—career leaflets, "Be A Dental Assistant" and Dear Jill." There is a new "Membership" pamphlet which each ADAA member should have. Quantities over fifty of any one pamphlet will be billed at cost.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE has made available two Post Certification Short Courses—one on "Orthodontics" and one on "Histology". Other such Courses will be ready in a few months. Each of the two Courses now available is planned for six evenings, twelve hours altogether—to be presented in the same manner as the Extension Study Course—a specialist's office could be used for the classroom—there will be no examination when the Course is completed. These Post Certification Short Course Outlines are twenty-five cents each.

THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE has prepared sample by-laws for State Associations and Local Societies, for the use of ADAA components who wish to bring their own by-laws up to date. When requesting these samples for State Associations, please specify whether you want the one covering the House of Delegates method of representation, or the one for the Business Body system.

EDUCATION • EFFICIENCY • LOYALTY • SERVICE

INTO HIGH GEAR ---- FOR MORE MEMBERS THIS YEAR!!

By ANN AUBUCHON, *Chairman*
ADAA Membership Committee

The strength of our membership determines the strength of our organization. From 200 members in 1924, we have grown to nearly 10,000 in 1958. In this, our 35th year, we hope to attain a membership of 15,000.

What has helped the membership grow in the past? It has been the unselfish giving of time, thought and effort of the officers, committees and countless members on all levels. It has been the desire of the members of our ADAA to improve the usefulness and working conditions of the dental assistant. We are constantly striving to fulfill the aims of our organization, as outlined in our

motto—Education, Efficiency, Loyalty and Service.

The benefits are so numerous that we mention only those associated with Education and Advancement. Opportunities are available to members, through carefully planned programs, consisting of properly conducted meetings with speakers, clinicians, essayists, and through courses of study. From membership and education stems advancement, and recognition by all groups allied to the dental profession.

As the basic unit of society is the family, so the basic unit of ADAA is the local society. Here is where membership

must be stressed! Why does one attend a local society meeting? To hear the speakers and view clinics; to enjoy the friendship of so many wonderful people, and to exchange ideas. This makes the effort very worthwhile. If each member would make the effort to attend the local meetings and, then, fully explain these advantages to non-members we could "go over the top!" Therefore, I place this challenge before each of you—Be an "Eager Beaver! Make personal

calls in your area and talk with the doctors as well as the assistants. If you are an enthusiastic member of your "family unit," the local society, who could better voice the value of membership than YOU? Through your contagious enthusiasm and perservance you are certain to bring more dental assistants into our family.

Let's all get INTO HIGH GEAR — FOR MORE MEMBERS THIS YEAR!

"DARE TO CHANGE"

America is a place where dreams come true. Here is freedom of opportunity.

"In no other country in the world is aspiration so definite a part of life as it is in America," said the late William Allen White.

Study any success story. You will find it the story of change after change—but at each change something better, something higher.

We like to assure ourselves of growth and progress. Wise changes make this possible.

Dare to change. Never be perfectly satisfied. That kills all initiative.

Plan your program, if possible, for the entire year; select your speakers with care; keeping in mind that each one should have something new and interesting to tell your members. A good speaker can truly make any topic interesting. Keep Education uppermost in your selection, but now and then something light and gay will keep your pro-

gram well-balanced. Publicize all meetings in Dental Journals and Newspapers.

Always conduct your meetings in a business-like-manner, according to your By-Laws. Use an agenda, have all business handled quickly and efficiently. Parliamentary Procedure does not change—adhere to it—and your business session will be brief. Programs need a change, seek new, up-to-date topics, new speakers. Add new clinics—lend a note of interest to your publicity and your attendance will increase.

Every State Association and Local Society is urged to submit to this committee, their Program and News Bulletins for entry in competition for "Best Education Program Awards." These can be typed, mimeographed or printed. (See February brochure sent to your Program Committee Chairman.)

ALICIA KING, *Chairman*

JUANITA LITTLE OLIVE STEINBECK
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"To persist in any enterprise undertaken"

An organization is no better than its component parts. The parts of the American Dental Assistants Association are: Its membership, working through and with its committees and elected officers.

Relatively few of our members are willing, or able, to give the time that is

required to hold offices in the local, state and national organizations. However, it is necessary to screen and evaluate the abilities and aims of those who aspire to office in order to assure our organization of dynamic leadership.

When the committee places the name

of a member in nomination, it is assuming responsibility equal to that of the one who accepts and is elected. With these thoughts in mind, PERSERVANCE in analyzing the qualities to serve if those who will accept becomes our unwritten obligation.

You are invited to send in nominations on the official nominating form, which was sent along with the Nominating Committee Brochure to all local and state groups. Read the Nominating Committee's Brochure carefully for instructions and send in your nominations NOW.

We are looking forward to receiving your completed nominating form. Please return it to Magdalene Kulstad, Chm., 327 Bedford Street, La Habra, California, no later than May 10, 1959. (This is closing date).

A. D. A. A. Standing Committee Chairmen 1958-59

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J. A. S. RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE: Eugenie Uttech, 304 6th Street, Watertown, Wisconsin.

J. A. S. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: LaVeta Lehn, P. O. Box 119, O'Neill, Nebraska.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Helen Fitting, Apt. 4-D, 501 W. Horrtter Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

NOTE: Regarding nominees for the Certification Board: "member shall be in attendance at the annual session of the ADAA when her name is placed on the ballot. This requirement shall not apply to a member nominated for reelection."

The slate of candidates and their qualifications will appear in the July-August issue of "The Dental Assistant." Nominations from the floor shall be called for, but written consent of the nominee must be secured before the nomination is made.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Ann AuBuchon, Broadway & Pine Streets, Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Anna Carey, 1331 West Market Street, Lima, Ohio.

Note: Page 26 of the January-February issue carried a listing of the names of all committee members. The name of Virginia Hoffman was omitted from the Public Relations Committee as this information was received too late. This listing of the Chairmen, with addresses of each, will appear again in future issues.

STATEMENT FOR J.A.S. RELIEF FUND FOR 1958

DONATIONS

Alabama	\$ 3.25	Montana	\$ 5.00
Arizona	10.00	Nebraska	10.00
Arkansas	5.00	New Jersey	20.00
Northern California	5.00	New Mexico	10.00
Southern California	107.70	New York	10.00
Colorado	10.00	North Carolina	11.00
Connecticut	23.00	North Dakota	5.10
District of Columbia	5.00	Ohio	66.50
Florida	20.00	Oklahoma	7.00
Illinois	30.00	Oregon	26.00
Indiana	10.00	Pennsylvania	56.00
Kansas	20.00	South Carolina	15.00
Kentucky	20.00	South Dakota	16.30
Louisiana	15.00	Tennessee	30.80
Maine	12.00	Texas	5.00
Maryland	10.00	Virginia	7.00
Massachusetts	15.00	Washington	32.47
Michigan	52.19	West Virginia	8.02
Minnesota	12.85	Wisconsin	10.00
Missouri	15.65		
Mississippi	5.00	TOTAL	\$757.83

Cash on deposit January 1, 1958	\$6,684.72
Donations during 1958	757.83
Interest earned on time deposit	108.40
	<u>\$7,550.95</u>

Withdrawn to buy bonds	\$1,500.00
Withdrawn for relief	250.00
	<u>1,750.00</u>
	<u>\$5,800.95</u>

Cash on deposit December 31, 1957	\$5,050.95
(General Fund)	
Cash on deposit December 31, 1957	750.00
(Revolving Fund)	
	<u>\$5,800.95</u>

U. S. Savings Bonds	
Current Redemption Value	9,159.00
Balance, December 31, 1958	<u>\$14,959.95</u>

Submitted by:
EUGENIA UTTECH, *Chairman*
J.A.S. Relief Fund Committee

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STATE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

FIRST DISTRICT

<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Address</i>
Maine	June 18-20, 1959	Rockland, Maine	Mildred Mitchell	94 Main Street, Kennebunk, Maine
Connecticut	May 13-14, 1959	Hotel Statler	Frances St. Pierre	68 Willow Street Hartford, Conn.
Rhode Island	Jan. 20-21, 1959	Hartford, Conn. Sheraton-Biltmore	Marion Giannasi	227 George Waterman Road, Johnston, R. I.
Massachusetts	May 4-5-6, 1959	Hotel Statler Boston, Mass.	Helen Dimitri	1 Maxwell Street, Worcester, Mass.
New Hampshire	June 21-24, 1959	Mt. View House Whitefield, N. H.	Doris Colombe	190 Brook Street, Manchester, N. H.

SECOND DISTRICT

<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Address</i>
New Jersey	May 12-13, 1959	Hotel Traymore	Jane Raynolds	45 Church St., Montclair
New York	May 10-13, 1959	Syracuse Hotel Syracuse, N. Y.	Mary E. R. Keegan	3341 29th St., Astoria 6, Long Island, New York

THIRD DISTRICT

<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Address</i>
Maryland	May 4-6, 1959	Lord Biltmore Hotel Baltimore, Md.	Helen Hendricks	601 E. 43rd Sreet, Baltimore
Ohio	Oct. 23-25, 1959	Cleveland, Ohio	Barbara Riehle	301 Decatur St. Toledo, Ohio
Pennsylvania	May 13-16, 1959	Harrisburger Hotel Harrisburg, Penna.	Helen Yingling	210 Second Avenue, Hanover, Penna.
Dist. Columbia	March 15-18, 1959	Shoreham Hotel Washington, D.C.	Juliette Carrier	2513 14th Street, Washington, D.C.

FOURTH DISTRICT

<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Address</i>
Alabama	April 20-22 1959	Redmont Hotel, Birmingham, Ala.	Lillie Mae Hurst	P. O. Box 787 Gadsden, Ala.
Florida	May 17-20 1959	Diplomat West Hollywood, Fla.	Florence Ruud	2701 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Georgia	Oct. 25-27 1959	Dinkler-Plaza Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.	Joy Jones	Northwoods Professional Building, 4791 Buford Highway, Doraville, Ga.
Louisiana	April 2-3 1959	Washington-Youree Hotel, Shreveport, La.	Evelyn Smith	3553 Greenway Place, Shreveport, La.
Mississippi	June 21-24 1959	Buena Vista Hotel Biloxi, Miss.	Ailene Gilmore	Medical Arts Bldg., 6th Floor, c/o Dr. J. A. Evans, Jackson, Miss.

FIFTH DISTRICT

State	Date	Place	Secretary	Address
Kentucky	April 5-7, 1959	Brown Hotel Louisville, Ky.	Nola Haley	113 Trim Street, Dawson Springs, Ky.
Virginia	April 8-11, 1959	Patrick Hotel Roanoke, Va.	Ann Morris	4621 Greenway Dr., Lynchburg, Va.
North Carolina	May 2-5, 1959	Holly Inn Pinehurst, N.C.	Myrl Blackwell	522 E. South St., Draper, N.C.
Tennessee	May 11-14, 1959	Noel Hotel Nashville, Tenn.	Polly Hutcherson	2309 Scott Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
South Carolina	May 24-26, 1959	Frances Marion Charleston, S.C.	Lea Lawhon	516 S. Woodrow St., Columbia, S.C.
West Virginia	July 19-22, 1959	Greenbrier Hotel White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.	Ruth Harris	1041 4th Ave., Huntington, W. Va.

SIXTH DISTRICT

State	Date	Place	Secretary	Address
Michigan	April 19-22, 1959	Morton House Grand Rapids, Mich.	Ruth E. Maino	610 So. Brown, Jackson, Mich.
Wisconsin	April 27-29, 1959	Hotel Schroeder Milwaukee, Wisc.	Marie Ramsey	234½ W. Wisconsin St., Portage, Wisc.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

State	Date	Place	Secretary	Address
Iowa	May 3-6, 1959	Hotel Savery Des Moines, Iowa	Inesa Pfiester	1126 No. Main St., Carroll, Iowa
Minnesota	April 12-15, 1959	Hotel Radisson Minneapolis, Minn.	Renate Fuchs	720 6th Ave. S., St. Cloud, Minn.
Nebraska	April 27-29, 1959	Hotel Lincoln Lincoln, Nebr.	Sibyl Roach	607 No. 47th, Omaha, Nebr.
North Dakota	May 3-6, 1959	The Armory Grand Forks, N.D.	Vivian Starkey, Pres.	825 Kelley, Devils Lake, N.D.
South Dakota	May 31- June 2, 1959	Alex Johnson Hotel Rapid City, S.D.	Rachael White	Parker, S.D.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

State	Date	Place	Secretary	Address
Arkansas	April 12-15, 1959	Marion Hotel Little Rock, Ark.	Irma Nell Evans	323 N. 15th St., Fort Smith, Ark.
Oklahoma	April 25-28, 1959	Mayo Hotel Tulsa, Okla.	Maxine Land	1709 N. Land, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Kansas	April 26-29, 1959	Hotel Kansas Topeka, Kans.	Mildred Kraft	2601 Parallel, Kansas City, Kan.
Missouri	May 10-13, 1959	Colonial Hotel Springfield, Mo.	Lorena Adler	3969 Botanical, St. Louis, Mo.

NINTH DISTRICT

<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Address</i>
Idaho	June 22-24, 1959	McCall, Idaho	Barbara Fisher	212 N. Walnut, Boise, Idaho
Montana	May 7-9, 1959	Kalispell, Mont.	Emma Lind	Medical Arts Bldg., Butte, Mont.
Washington	April 6-8, 1959	Seattle, Wash.	Marilyn Scott	Port Angeles, Wash.

TENTH DISTRICT

<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Address</i>
Arizona	May 7-9, 1959	Safari Hotel Scottsdale, Ariz.	Joan Keisel	3327 E. Broadway, Tucson, Ariz.
Colorado	Oct. 11-14, 1959	Broadmoor Hotel Colorado Springs	Merle Francik	517 Lincoln, Pueblo, Colo.
New Mexico	June 7-10, 1959	La Fonda Hotel Santa Fe, N. Mex.	Elizabeth Howard	410 Carlisle, S.E., Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Texas	May 3-6, 1959	Hilton Hotel San Antonio, Texas	Wilma B. Curtis	3105 Lakeland, Fort Worth, Texas
Utah	May 21-23, 1959	Utah Hotel Salt Lake City, Utah	Eloise Welchman	1818 E. 21st, South Salt Lake City, Utah

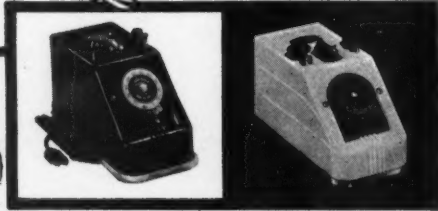
ELEVENTH DISTRICT

<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Address</i>
So. California	May 3-5, 1959	Alexandria Hotel Los Angeles, Calif.	Edith Leach	8965 Stanwin, Pacioma, Calif.
No. California	April 18-21, 1959	Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco	Dorothy Hodel	2163 108th Ave., Oakland, Calif.
Honolulu County	June 14, 1959	one-day meeting	Nina Medeiros	P. O. Box 246, Kailua, Oahu

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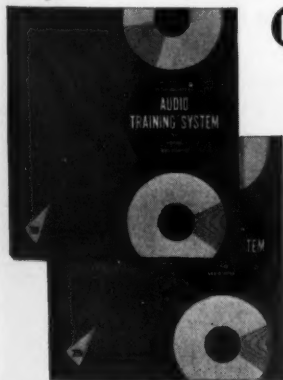
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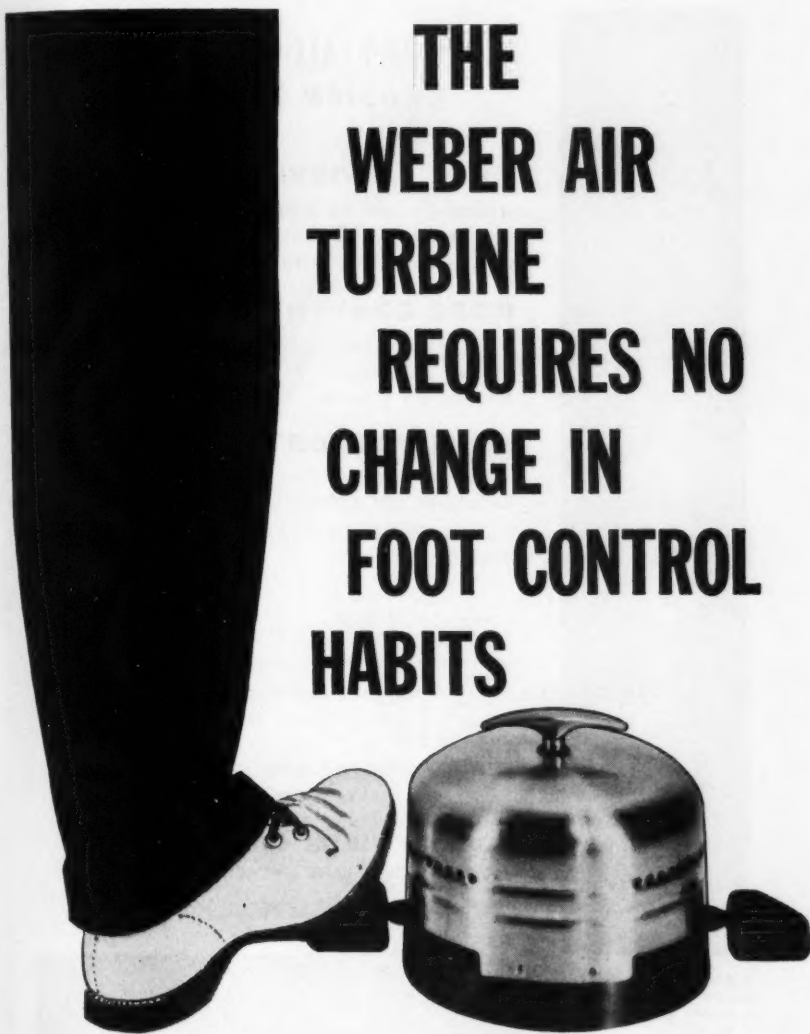


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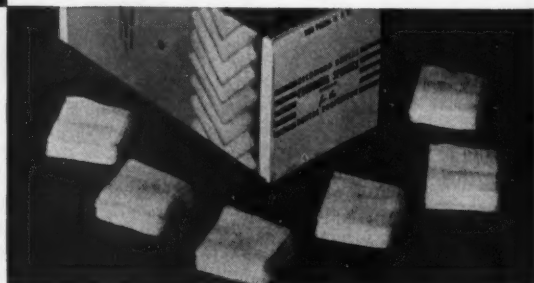
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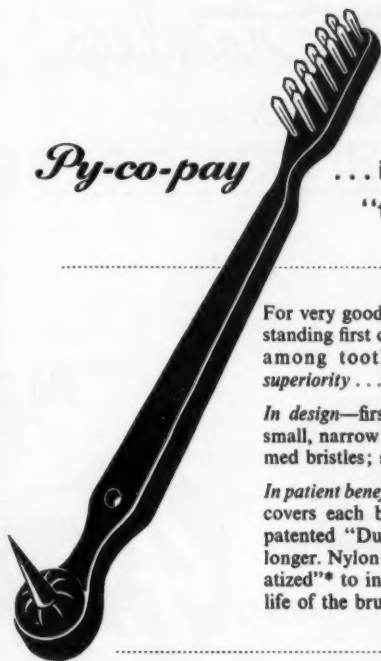
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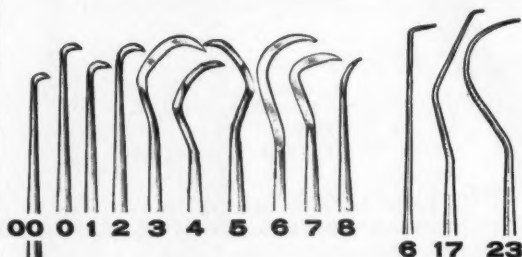
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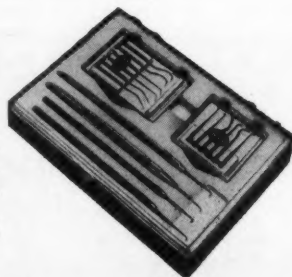
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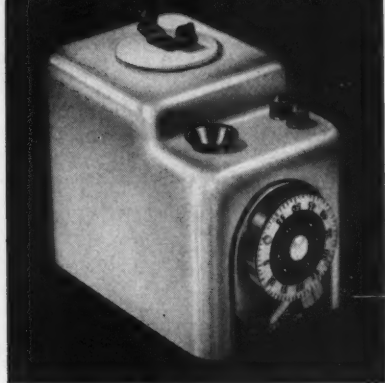
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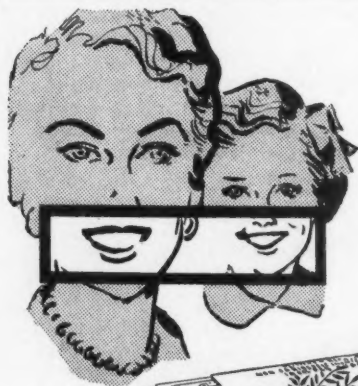
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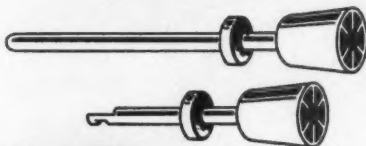
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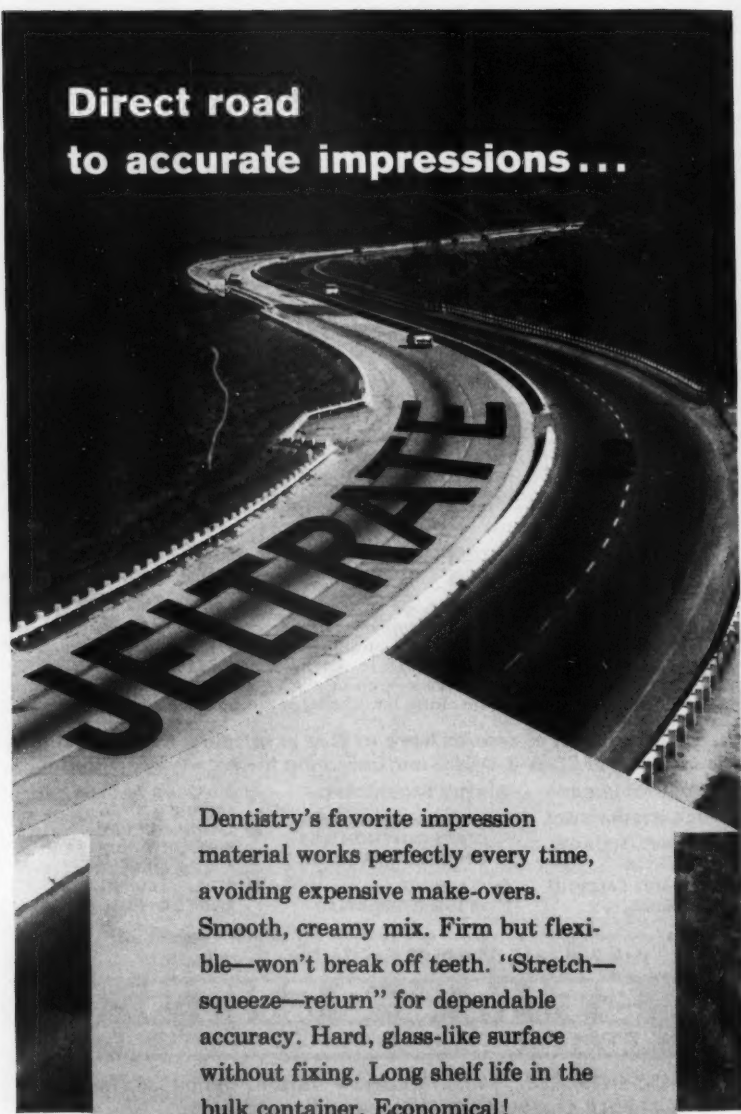
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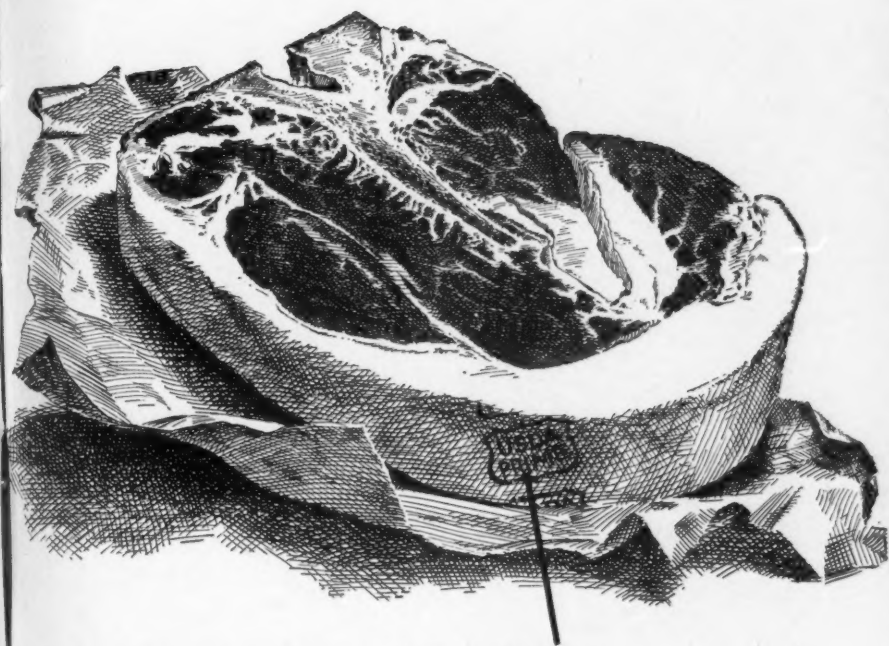
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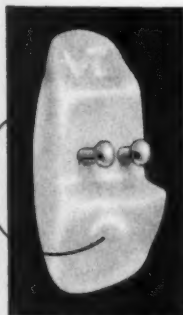
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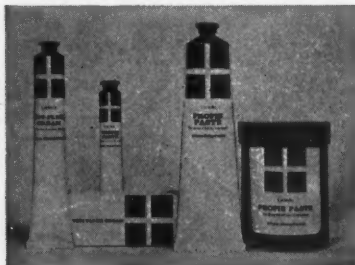
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